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TORNADOES CLAIM HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE IN MANY SECTIONS OF STATE; VERY SEVERE AT MENA

Eight Persons Were Killed at Wickes—Two Victims in Hot Spring County—Path of Destructive Wind Passes Near Arkadelphia—Much Damage Was Done in Clay County—Torrential Rains Cause Much Property Loss—Severe Storms Last Night—Wires Down.

STORM CASUALTIES.

The Dead.

At Wickes, Polk county:
Mrs. Robert E. Weems and her four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Mattie Felts, Kerren Weems, Beila, Verda, Robert and Warren.
At Lonsdale:
Mrs. Jennie Walls.
Justice Jacob Lawrence.
At Graysonia:
Mrs. Odie White.
Injured, Probably Fatally.
At Graysonia:
Mrs. Arthur Spanker.
At Lonsdale:
Horton Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence and Miss Esther Lawrence.

Injured.

At Wickes:
Mrs. Giles Bruce and her son.
At Graysonia:
Dave White's 15-month-old child.
Arthur Spanker.
Mrs. Dora Taylor.
Mrs. Taylor's seven-year-old daughter, probably blinded.
At Lonsdale:
C. E. Lawrence and Miss Susie Lawrence.
Family of John Inglis.

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Eleven white persons were killed, five so badly injured that there is little hope of their recovery and dozens of other persons were injured in a tornado or series of tornadoes that swept through Southern Arkansas Thursday night.

These are the casualties reported thus far. Wires are down, communication is badly crippled in the storm-swept district and it is feared that other casualties will be reported as communication is restored. The heaviest loss of life was at Wickes, 25 miles south of Mena, where eight persons were killed in the collapse of one house. Seven of the victims were members of one family.

At Lonsdale, Hot Spring county, two persons were killed, five injured probably fatally. Lonsdale is a small town on the Missouri Pacific railroad nearly midway between Benton and Hot Springs.

At Graysonia, Clark county, about 12 miles west of Arkadelphia, one person was killed, three so badly injured that their deaths are expected and a dozen or more persons less seriously hurt.

The three points where the storm struck down are many miles apart and form a triangle. It is feared that intervening points from which no reports have been received yet may have suffered.

The wind was accompanied by a torrential rain and by a fierce electrical storm in many parts of the state that did not suffer from the wind storm. In Clay county two homes and a large barn were struck by lightning, set on fire and destroyed and it is reported that three other residences were destroyed by fires originating from lightning. W. M. Scott, a farmer living a mile north of Rector was rendered unconscious when his home was struck by lightning.

Another severe electrical storm was reported from near Morrilton. Tom Marshall, a farmer living near that city is in a critical condition from lightning shock.

Eight Die In One Home.

Mena, Nov. 19.—Eight persons killed and two injured was toll of the most deadly tornado known in the history of Polk county, which struck Thursday night near Wickes, a small town 25 miles south of here. Seven of the dead were members of one family, that of Robert E. Weems, and all of the Weems home.

Man Killed; Family Maimed.

Malvern, Nov. 19.—One man was instantly killed, and four other members of the family probably were fatally injured Thursday night in a tornado which swept through a valley in the Hot Springs mountains about eight miles from Malvern, between here and Hot Springs.

The dead and injured are: Jake Lawrence, aged about 45, dead; Thomas Lawrence, son of Jake Lawrence, injured; Horton Lawrence, son of C. E. Lawrence, injured; Miss Esther Lawrence, daughter of C. E. Lawrence, injured; Susie, a 13-year-old daughter of C. E. Lawrence, injured.

Jake Lawrence and his son, Thomas, lived in a section of the mountains known from its formation as "The Gourd Neck," but were visiting at the home of the elder Lawrence's brother, C. E. Lawrence, who lives at Magnet Cove. The home of C. E. Lawrence is situated in a valley between Cook's mountain and another large mountain, in what is known as the "draw." It is impossible to get a clear story from the family, as all of them are injured. The storm struck them about 9 o'clock. The home was demolished and the people within—seven of them—were blown in different directions.

Are Terribly Bruised.

Jake Lawrence was killed instantly, having his neck and back broken, and was horribly cut and bruised by flying debris. Thomas, son of Jake Lawrence, has the lower part of his face badly cut, and is bruised about the head and body.

May Be Fatally Hurt.

Horton Lawrence, son of C. E. Lawrence, whose home was wrecked, suffered a fractured skull, and one side is paralyzed. It is very doubtful that he will recover. He was found near the home of a neighbor. His sister, Miss Esther, aged 19, was struck on the head by a large object, and a long gash was cut across her forehead, besides many other cuts about her head and body. Her 13-year-old sister, Susie, was bruised about the head and hurt internally. It is reported that they were found about 500 yards from the house, and searchers did not locate them until yesterday morning about 3 o'clock.

The physicians say that it is difficult to determine the full extent of their injuries, due to the bruises and cuts. Where the skin is lacerated, it is filled with minute particles of sticks, sand and other small articles. The hair of both girls was filled with cockle-burrs.

Their father, C. E. Lawrence, was at a store about a quarter mile from home. He started to his family, but was struck by a falling limb and rendered unconscious. It is believed his injuries are not serious.

Storm Mile Wide.

It is said that the storm cut a swath nearly a mile wide, twisting the timber and doing much damage to many homes, outbuildings and fences. The home of John Inglis was damaged and several members of his family received minor injuries.

Physicians were called from Malvern early Thursday night to administer to the sufferers, and spent most of yesterday there. The roads are almost impassable, due to the heavy rains that have fallen for the past three days.

A terrific rain followed the wind. Two years ago the same vicinity was visited by a heavy wind and much damage was done. The tornado of Thursday night seemed to

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THREE KILLED NEAR POPLAR BLUFF.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Nov. 19.—(By United Press)—Three persons were killed when a cyclone struck a farm home five miles east of here. The twister shattered the dwelling.

BLYTHERVILLE HAS ANOTHER UGLY EPISODE

Mrs. Murphy Mysteriously Disappears With 16 Months' Old Babe—May Have Left With Rogers.

The latest sensation in the affairs of Blytheville is the sudden and mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Maud Murphy from that city on October 21st. Every effort to locate the woman and her 16 months' old babe has proven futile and the belief is now prevailing in that city that she took leave with Deputy Sheriff E. B. Rogers, the absconding official from the office of Sheriff Dwight Blackwood who left on October 30th for parts unknown, leaving a shortage in his official accounts to the amount of something like \$85,000. No trace of Rogers has been found, according to latest reports, but it is believed he is in Mexico.

Mrs. Murphy suddenly left her home in Blytheville on Friday, October 21st, 10 days prior to the Sunday afternoon when E. B. Rogers, the deputy sheriff, was reported murdered near Manila. The date on which the woman left her home indicates she came on to Paragould by pre-arranged plans and joined Rogers here after he had driven his Ford sedan through to this city and parked the vehicle on Poplar street, near the intersection of Pruet. A woman was seen driving the car on the morning of the 21st. A woman was in the vehicle when it was parked. It is claimed she was seen at the depot following the parking of the car. It has been proven conclusively that the car in question was the property of the defaulting official.

The Blytheville Courier, in its report of the disappearance of Mrs. Murphy, says:

"Mrs. Maud Murphy, formerly of Caruthersville, has been missing from her home at 109 Seventeenth street, this city, since Oct. 21st, and her husband and five small children are nearly crazed as to her whereabouts.

"She took her 16 months' old babe with her and no trace has been left behind. There was no apparent reason for her strange disappearance. Her home life was pleasant and her husband had a position at the Chicago mill. It is feared she is demented and may have ended her life. She formerly lived in Caruthersville. Any information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received by her husband.

"Quite a few connect her strange disappearance with that of E. B. Rogers, absconding deputy sheriff. She left Oct. 21st, and could have placed her child in Big Lake or an orphanage and joined the fleeing official. The jitney driver in Paragould says a dark haired woman drove the car into that city, got out and went into the depot. She was dark haired and very attractive. Her disappearance without apparent cause may be explained by the above theory."

NEGRO IS SHOT TO DEATH BY A MOB AT HELENA

His Body Is Burned—Officers Overpowered While Trying to Spirit Prisoner to Marianna.

Helena, Nov. 19.—Helena's record as a nonlyching community was wrecked last night when Will Turner, a young negro charged with attacking a 15-year-old white girl while she was on her way to work in the local telephone exchange early yesterday morning, was shot to death by masked men just outside the city limits, and his body afterward burned in the little park in front of the courthouse.

Early last night Deputy Sheriffs Lex Graves and John Rabb placed Turner in an automobile and started for Marianna, going over the St. Francis river road. Suppressed excitement throughout the afternoon

Berlin Police and Short Skirts



Berlin police, better known there as Sipos, regulate the length of the skirts worn by the frauleins. If the dresses are shorter than the regular length, the police take note of the address of the girls and the parents are notified and fined.

TEN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK AT SUMMIT, ILL.

California Limited Strikes Car in Funeral Procession —Hearse Barely Clears Track for Flyer.

(By The United Press)

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Ten persons were killed and three others seriously injured at Summit, Ill., a Chicago suburb, when an automobile in a funeral procession was struck by the California Limited on the Santa Fe. The flyer plowed through the large auto, scattering wreckage and bits of bodies down the track two hundred and fifty yards. A heavy snowfall and storm obscured the track from the chauffeur. The hearse carrying the body of a two-year-old girl had just cleared the track and the auto carrying a party of mourners was squarely across the rails when the train struck. The dead included six men, two women and two children.

One Bandit Killed; Policeman Injured

(By The United Press)

Montpelier, Ind., Nov. 19.—An unidentified bandit was killed when four men attempted to rob the post-office here. Jerry Engle, night policeman, is thought dying with a bullet wound in the abdomen. Engle was shot by a "lookout" when he frustrated the attempted robbery, and in turn shot and killed the man who wounded him.

Jewelry Co. Robbed; Manager Is Arrested

(By The United Press)

St. Paul, Nov. 19.—Three men robbed the Gittleman Jewelry Company store of between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of gems. Police took Harry Weisman, manager of the store, into custody.

America and Japan Launch Battleships

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 19.—The United States navy today launched the battleship West Virginia. Japan also today launched a modern dreadnought.

There are five women house surgeons in English hospitals.

An ounce of gold could be drawn into a wire fifty miles long.

where gasoline was applied in generous quantities. Somebody applied a match, and the scene was immediately lit up by flames mounting many feet in the air.

Later the charred body was removed to an undertaking establishment, where what is left of the first mob victim in Helena's history will be prepared for burial.

The young girl who was attacked by the negro is reported recovering from the shock of her experience.

COUNTIES IN RACE TO GET COTTON QUOTA

Columbia and Jackson Are in Spirited Contest for This Honor—Greene Employs County Director.

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Columbia and Jackson counties are engaged in a spirited race for the honor of being the second county in Arkansas to secure its quota in the sign-up campaign of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, according to reports received at farm bureau headquarters in the old county courthouse yesterday. Pulaski county was first, having exceeded its quota several weeks ago, but it is realized that conditions were especially favorable in this county because of the fact that so many of the large Scott planters were active in organizing the association and that the first signed up their own cotton.

An optimistic report was received yesterday from L. G. Somerall, who is directing a crew of trained workers in an intensive drive in Columbia county. The drive will be continued for two weeks and Mr. Somerall reports that farmers in large numbers are joining both the Farm Bureau and the cotton association.

Jackson County Close Up.

However, reports also indicate that Jackson county will be a close competitor of Columbia. An intensive two weeks' campaign is being conducted in Jackson county under the direction of J. S. Williams, member of the cotton association's Organization Committee and Warner Moore, a worker who had experience in the successful Texas campaign.

The reports indicate that, with Jackson county nearing its quota, District No. 2, which includes Pulaski county, may be the first to sign up its minimum quota which is 50,000 bales, although District No. 3, under the leadership of M. C. Graham, is a close second.

Several additional counties in District No. 1 have employed county directors, among them Craighead and Greene. S. S. Coleman, a big Pointsett county planter and merchant, is acting as supervisor of this district. He is assisted by R. D. Morrell, a young planter of Ellis county, Texas, who had experience in the Texas campaign. Ellis is the largest cotton-producing county in the South.

Hugh T. Brown, commodity director of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, was much pleased by a letter received yesterday from J. M. Barker, president of the Bank of Atkins. Mr. Barker not only gave his hearty endorsement to the cotton association, but showed his sincerity by enclosing a check to aid the association's finances.

MEETINGS OF MASONS CLOSE AT LITTLE ROCK

Ira C. Langley of Piggott Elected Head of Royal and Select Masters; High Officer Present.

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Fay Hempstead, the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, the highest officer in cryptic Masonry in the world, paid an official visit to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas which met yesterday morning at the Albert Pike Consistory. He made an interesting address on this branch of Masonry.

This was the last of the meetings of state lodges of the various Masonic bodies, a series that has been in progress since Monday.

The past year has been a successful one for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. The attendance and interest at yesterday's meeting far surpassed that of any other meeting, according to officers of the council.

The following officers were elected:

UNITED STATES TO STAND PAT ON ITS PLAN

Delegates Say Only Way to End Naval Competition Is to Stop It—Oppose Modifications.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Harding's long contemplated association of nations to preserve world peace was shadowed forth yesterday in the course of momentous revelations of the policy the administration will pursue in the effort to achieve a real naval holiday and a new deal in the Far East.

Here are the high points in the disclosures:

1. The United States will oppose with vigor the endeavor of Japan to obtain a greater proportion of capital ship tonnage than proposed in the Hughes plan, which is 60 per cent of the tonnage of either Great Britain or America, and more than Japan's present strength.

2. The American government stands flat-footed on the proposition that the world demands an end to competitive naval building; that the only way to end it is to "stop," and that any effort by the powers concerned to disturb the relation of fighting ships laid down in the American proposal would constitute at once a reopening of competitive building.

3. The American delegation also will oppose any modification which would permit construction of one capital ship a year or any other replacement plan which would make the naval holiday "only a half holiday."

Would Make Agreement.

4. The administration is prepared to enter into an agreement with the other powers to halt encroachments upon China, and otherwise stabilize the peace of the Far East—such an agreement as the British and Japanese have proposed as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance which then would be dissolved.

5. When an agreement on the reduction and limitation of naval armament is reached by the powers represented in this conference all other countries will be invited to subscribe to it as a world charter of peace, proclaimed by an association of nations dedicated to the adoption of practical means to minimize war.

6. No formal treaties, requiring the consent of the Senate are contemplated, the purpose being to achieve the object in each case by an exchange of diplomatic notes, though executive orders and perhaps some exchanges would be required to carry out the naval holiday and scrapping of ships on the part of the United States.

ed for the coming year: Ira C. Langley, Piggott, grand master; Joseph H. Byers, Little Rock, deputy grand master; N. C. McCrary, Ashdown, grand principal conductor of the work; John Brodie, Little Rock, re-elected grand treasurer; Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, re-elected grand recorder; Rev. William T. Sullivan, Washington, re-elected grand chaplain; A. D. May, Little Rock, grand captain of the guard; O. E. Williams, Lonoke, grand conductor of the council; Mark P. Olney, Mena, grand marshal; Shem E. Hollabaugh, Marshall, grand steward; and William I. Whitwell, Little Rock, re-elected grand sentinel.

Order of High Priesthood.

The Order of High Priesthood of Arkansas met at the Consistory Thursday night and conferred the order on 13. They were consecrated and anointed as high priests and are: C. M. Gregory, Marianna; N. E. Holt, Mena; W. H. Marshall, Little Rock; J. H. Bowen, Bentonville; A. J. Russell, Berryville; S. K. Whitehead, Texarkana; J. H. Glendening, Fort Smith; J. C. Reinhart, Hartford; W. J. Miller, Huntington; W. O. Wilson, Conway; W. J. Pinson, El Dorado; G. E. McClinton, Berryville; A. M. Forby, Fort Smith.

The following officers were elected: George Thornburgh, Little Rock, most excellent president; N. C. McCrary, Ashdown, excellent vice president; Rev. W. T. Sullivan, Washington, Chaplain; Eugene Aiken, Little Rock, treasurer; Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, recorder; Nick Kizer, Monticello, master of ceremonies; Mark P. Olney, Mena, conductor; J. L. Davis, Fayetteville, herald; J. H. Byers, Little Rock, steward; and William I. Whitwell, Little Rock, guard.